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in re application of: Combadiere et al.

Application No. 10/700,313

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For: CC CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR 5 DNA,

NEW ANIMAL MODELS AND THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR HIV

INFECTION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated October 14, 2005. A three-month period for response was set, and a two-month extension fee is enclosed, making a reply due March 14, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 7.